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Attached are my feelings on the Microsoft Settlement. Please see that they are read and reflected upon.

Thank You  
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Attorney General John Ashcroft  
US Department of Justice, 950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW  
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Dear Mr. Ashcroft:

I am happy to see that a settlement has occurred between Microsoft and the US department of Justice in the antitrust case, but extremely upset with the nine states continuing their lawsuits. Microsoft should not be broken up and most of the concessions they are being forced to make are ridiculous.

I am currently studying for a degree in Business Information and have worked in numerous internships in the IT sector. As a student, and constituent of IT businesses, I think Microsoft is being wrongly forced to disclose their technology that they have worked long and hard to develop. I will say that Microsoft has done wonders for our technology educational systems and should be applauded for how they have helped our economy. The terms of the settlement have some just points such as forming three-person team to monitor compliance with settlement and increasing relations with competitors to share technological codes and interfaces.

I hope that the Department of Justice helps to suppress state opposition and works to free up Microsoft so that they can focus on regaining the growth they had over 3 years ago.

**cc:     *Senator Rick Santorum***  
          ***Senator Arlen Specter***

Sincerely,

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